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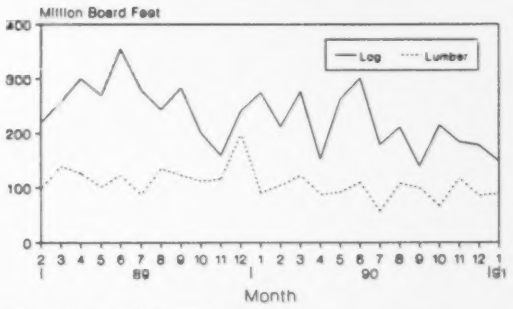
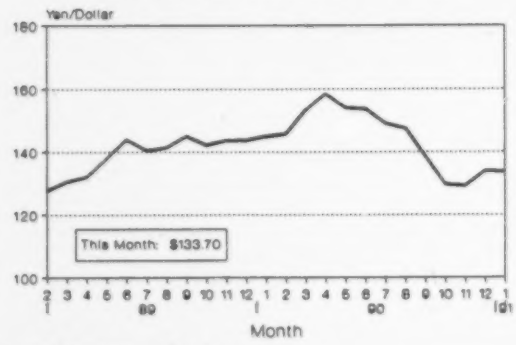
A Fact Sheet on U.S. Wood Product Exports to the Pacific Rim *Issued: April 1991*

Exports to Japan
Softwood Logs & Lumber



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, FAS

Japanese Yen/U.S. Dollar



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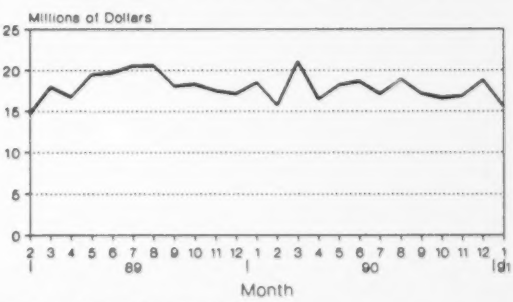
Value of Hardwood Lumber Exports to the Pacific Rim



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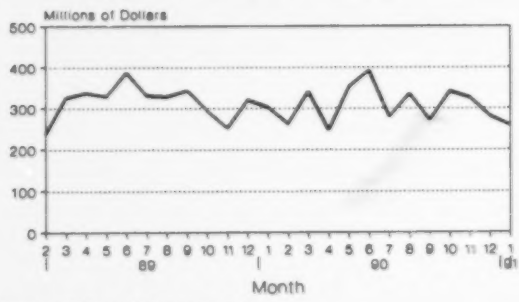
Value of All Wood Products Exports to the Pacific Rim



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Total U.S. Exports to the Pacific Rim ($000)

Country Markets	Jan.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD	Product Groups	Jan.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD
Japan	193,516	(10.0)	193,516	(22.2)	Softwood Logs	125,756	(17.5)	125,756	(27.2)
China	12,679	(23.6)	12,679	26.0	Softwood Lumber	50,249	8.9	50,249	(1.3)
Korea	24,308	(17.6)	24,308	29.4	Hardwood Logs	8,068	(12.6)	8,068	0.6
Taiwan	12,578	34.3	12,578	19.0	Hardwood Lumber	15,580	(17.1)	15,580	(15.8)
Australia	13,322	84.4	13,322	10.8	Hardwood Veneer	2,651	1.0	2,651	(11.2)
Hong Kong	1,085	(25.1)	1,085	(22.1)	Particleboard	2,242	(10.4)	2,242	62.6
Singapore	955	(21.8)	955	(28.2)	Other	53,899	10.3	53,899	11.3
TOTAL	$258,443	(7.9)	$258,443	(14.7)	TOTAL	$258,443	(7.9)	$258,443	(14.7)

Notes: (1) Sources are USDA Foreign Agriculture Service & Dept. of Commerce unless noted otherwise.
(2) Percent changes from/to zero (or minimum) values are noted by *.
(3) Because of new HS classifications, certain year-to-year changes are not meaningful and, thus, are noted with an NA.

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U.S. Exports To:

		VOLUME				VALUE-$000			
		Jan.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD	Jan.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD
	Softwood Logs - MBF	148,953	(16.9)	148,953	(45.9)	93,449	(17.3)	93,449	(37.4)
J	Softwood Lumber - MBF	89,351	3.3	89,351	(1.4)	37,758	(4.8)	37,758	(4.4)
A	Hardwood Logs - MBF	3,280	(24.0)	3,280	(2.9)	4,790	(32.5)	4,790	(8.1)
P	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	7,943	(28.7)	7,943	(26.7)	9,593	(27.5)	9,593	(20.6)
A	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	11,144	34.6	11,144	76.1	1,397	26.2	1,397	94.0
N	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	1,609	1.3	1,609	7.6	250	(23.3)	250	6.8
	Other					46,279	NA	46,279	10.7
	Subtotal					193,516	(10.0)	193,516	(22.2)
	Softwood Logs - MBF	39,762	(41.3)	39,762	34.3	16,670	(24.7)	16,670	33.2
K	Softwood Lumber - MBF	460	197.3	460	(8.5)	390	212.0	390	37.8
O	Hardwood Logs - MBF	2,750	320.5	2,750	113.6	1,668	75.2	1,668	42.1
R	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	1,401	62.7	1,401	27.3	1,599	81.3	1,599	65.7
E	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	2,315	(49.0)	2,315	(70.1)	286	(51.5)	286	(72.0)
A	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	4,137	14.9	4,137	128.7	1,432	35.7	1,432	207.3
	Other					2,263	NA	2,263	(4.1)
	Subtotal					24,308	(17.6)	24,308	29.4
	Softwood Logs - MBF	28,029	(9.9)	28,029	29.9	12,579	(22.5)	12,579	27.2
C	Softwood Lumber - MBF	0	*	0	*	0	*	0	*
H	Hardwood Logs - MBF	6	(56.7)	6	*	9	(55.0)	9	*
I	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	50	(57.5)	50	32.2	54	(35.7)	54	116.0
N	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	143	*	143	(87.5)	15	*	15	(88.5)
A	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	6	(97.4)	6	(96.0)	3	(97.6)	3	(82.4)
	Other					19	NA	19	*
	Subtotal					12,679	(23.6)	12,679	26.0
	Softwood Logs - MBF	4,646	92.7	4,646	120.1	3,013	198.6	3,013	174.7
T	Softwood Lumber - MBF	970	(47.3)	970	14.8	444	(19.6)	444	(15.9)
A	Hardwood Logs - MBF	1,119	(26.2)	1,119	24.8	1,432	44.1	1,432	14.3
I	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	4,889	(4.2)	4,889	(12.9)	3,454	(7.6)	3,454	(17.0)
W	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	6,434	34.6	6,434	6.7	798	28.9	798	0.3
A	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	1,055	(54.8)	1,055	(67.1)	329	(45.0)	329	(40.7)
N	Other					3,108	NA	3,108	42.6
	Subtotal					12,578	34.3	12,578	19.0
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U	Softwood Logs - MBF	10	(69.4)	10	*	44	120.0	44	*
S	Softwood Lumber - MBF	32,484	181.9	32,484	52.8	11,572	101.7	11,572	13.0
T	Hardwood Logs - MBF	0	*	0	*	0	*	0	*
R	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	212	50.9	212	(65.4)	291	69.2	291	(52.0)
A	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	27	(98.1)	27	(96.2)	11	(92.6)	11	(88.8)
L	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	303	(26.6)	303	*	172	(25.9)	172	273.9
I	Other					1,232	NA	1,232	19.4
A	Subtotal					13,322	84.4	13,322	10.8

Japanese Market Data

Imports -Thousand Cubic Meters	Dec.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD	U.S. Import Market Share YTD (%)
Softwood Logs	1,205	(2.4)	16,682	(4.3)	61.2
Softwood Lumber	574	4.9	7,369	(1.3)	33.6
Hardwood Logs	974	(10.9)	12,317	(11.2)	1.0
Hardwood Lumber	123	7.1	1,711	(21.3)	18.5

	Dec.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD	Wooden Structures YTD %
Housing Starts-000	141.9	2.5	1,707.1	2.6	42.6

Source: Nippon Mokuzai Bichiku Kiko